

23 February 1983

NOTE FOR:

Executive Officer, NIC

STAT

FROM : Milt Kovner
NIO/WE

SUBJECT : NIC Annual Conference, 1983: Subjects for Program

1. I think we need to take a hard look at the national estimate as an instrument for policy support. There is a certain amount of confusion about its purposes and some skepticism about its adequacy -- and I'm thinking beyond suggestions for length or graphics.

2. I also believe that we ought to devote some time to the NIC itself to see if we are adequately organized and staffed to fulfill our mission. We are, at the moment, an unconventional organization, staffed rather conventionally. And we should examine the relationship between the AG and the NIC; closer intergration for the two, for example, might make both more productive and efficient.